Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

July 2015

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey during the week covering July 12th to 18th, 2015, there were 575,300 persons employed in Saskatchewan. This is a decrease of 13,800 from June 2015 and 2,100 less than the number employed in July 2014.

Agricultural employment was 42,300 persons in July 2015, up 1,900 from the June 2015 level but 4,800 less than the July 2014 agricultural employment level of 47,100. Non-agricultural employment was 533,000 persons in July 2015. This is a decrease of 15,700 from the June 2015 non-agriculture employment level of 548,700 but 2,700 more than July 2014.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for July 2015 was 5.4 percent. This is an increase of 1.2 percentage points from the June 2015 rate of 4.2 percent and 1.8 percentage points higher than the July 2014 level of 3.6 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force decreased by 6,600 to 608,300 persons in July 2015 from 614,900 persons in June 2015. This is 9,400 more than the July 2014 labour force of 598,900 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate fell 0.8 percentage points to 70.6 percent in July 2015 from 71.4 percent in June 2015. The July 2014 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 70.2 percent.

There were 33,000 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during July 2015. This is an increase of 7,200 from June 2015 and 11,500 more than the number unemployed in July 2014.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 568,700 persons employed in Saskatchewan in July 2015, down 7,400 from the June 2015 level of 576.100 and is down 2,700 from the July 2014 employment level of 571,400 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for July 2015 was 5.2 percent. This is an increase of 0.5 percentage points from the June 2015 rate of 4.7 percent and 1.9 percentage points higher than the July 2014 rate of 3.3 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment decreased by 74,300 persons in July 2015 to 18,240,300 persons from 18,314,600 persons in June 2015. In July 2014, there were 18,077,400 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate increased 0.6 percentage points in July 2015 to 7.1 percent from the June 2015 level of 6.5 percent. In July 2014, Canada's unemployment rate was 7.3 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 6.8 percent in July 2015. This remained unchanged from June 2015 and is 0.2 percentage points lower than the July 2014 level of 7.0 percent.

TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	July 2015	June 2015	July 2014	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADA					
Labour Force ('000)	19,628.7	19,581.9	19,501.8	46.8	126.9
Employed ('000)	18,240.3	18,314.6	18,077.4	-74.3	162.9
Full-Time ('000)	15,190.1	15,080.0	14,939.6	110.1	250.5
Part-Time ('000)	3,050.1	3,234.6	3,137.9	-184.5	-87.8
Unemployed ('000)	1,388.4	1,267.3	1,424.4	121.1	-36.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.1	6.5	7.3	0.6	-0.2
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	6.8	6.8	7.0	0.0	-0.2
Participation Rate (%)	67.0	66.9	67.2	0.1	-0.2
SASKATCHEWAN					
Labour Force ('000)	608.3	614.9	598.9	-6.6	9.4
Employed ('000)	575.3	589.1	577.4	-13.8	-2.1
Full-Time ('000)	481.3	488.6	492.9	-7.3	-11.6
Part-Time ('000)	94.0	100.5	84.5	-6.5	9.5
Unemployed ('000)	33.0	25.8	21.5	7.2	11.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.4	4.2	3.6	1.2	1.8
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	5.2	4.7	3.3	0.5	1.9
Participation Rate (%)	70.6	71.4	70.2	-0.8	0.4
ALBERTA					
Labour Force ('000)	2,483.1	2,476.7	2,420.3	6.4	62.8
Employed ('000)	2,325.8	2,338.3	2,306.3	-12.5	19.5
Full-Time ('000)	1,985.2	1,962.8	1,960.1	22.4	25.1
Part-Time ('000)	340.6	375.5	346.2	-34.9	-5.6
Unemployed ('000)	157.3	138.5	114.0	18.8	43.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.3	5.6	4.7	0.7	1.6
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	6.0	5.7	4.5	0.3	1.5
Participation Rate (%)	73.9	73.8	73.6	0.1	0.3
MANITOBA					
Labour Force ('000)	679.4	679.3	669.4	0.1	10.0
Employed ('000)	636.1	646.1	630.7	-10.0	5.4
Full-Time ('000)	524.9	528.0	517.4	-3.1	7.5
Part-Time ('000)	111.3	118.0	113.3	-6.7	-2.0
Unemployed ('000)	43.3	33.2	38.7	10.1	4.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.4	4.9	5.8	1.5	0.6
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	5.6	5.3	5.2	0.3	0.4
Participation Rate (%)	68.8	68.9	68.5	-0.1	0.3

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	July 2015	June 2015	July 2014	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
LABOUR FORCE ('000)	608.3	614.9	598.9	-6.6	9.4
Male	333.8	333.9	331.3	-0.1	2.5
Female	274.5	281.0	267.7	-6.5	6.8
15-24 Years of Age	103.9	100.1	101.8	3.8	2.1
25+ Years of age	504.4	514.8	497.1	-10.4	7.3
EMPLOYED ('000)	575.3	589.1	577.4	-13.8	-2.1
Male	315.8	318.3	321.1	-2.5	-5.3
Female	259.5	270.8	256.3	-11.3	3.2
15-24 Years of Age	94.5	91.1	95.5	3.4	-1.0
25+ Years of age	480.7	498.0	481.9	-17.3	-1.2
UNEMPLOYED ('000)	33.0	25.8	21.5	7.2	11.5
Male	18.0	15.6	10.2	2.4	7.8
Female	15.0	10.2	11.4	4.8	3.6
15-24 Years of Age	9.4	9.0	6.3	0.4	3.1
25+ Years of age	23.6	16.8	15.3	6.8	8.3
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	5.4	4.2	3.6	1.2	1.8
Male	5.4	4.7	3.1	0.7	2.3
Female	5.5	3.6	4.3	1.9	1.2
15-24 Years of Age	9.0	9.0	6.2	0.0	2.8
25+ Years of age	4.7	3.3	3.1	1.4	1.6
PARTICIPATION RATE (%)	70.6	71.4	70.2	-0.8	0.4
Male	76.8	76.9	77.1	-0.1	-0.3
Female	64.2	65.8	63.2	-1.6	1.0
15-24 Years of Age	76.1	73.2	73.3	2.9	2.8
25+ Years of age	69.5	71.1	69.6	-1.6	-0.1

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	July 2015	June 2015	July 2014	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
INDUSTRY ('000)					
Agriculture	42.3	40.4	47.1	1.9	-4.8
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	25.7	25.6	28.5	0.1	-2.8
Utilities	7.3	6.4	6.1	0.9	1.2
Construction	57.7	60.7	62.0	-3.0	-4.3
Manufacturing	27.2	26.5	29.5	0.7	-2.3
Trade	85.8	86.0	85.0	-0.2	0.8
Transportation and Warehousing	30.1	31.1	28.6	-1.0	1.5
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	30.3	30.1	30.5	0.2	-0.2
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	24.9	24.9	26.0	0.0	-1.1
Business, Building and Other Support Services	15.5	15.4	13.2	0.1	2.3
Educational Services	32.1	47.7	35.9	-15.6	-3.8
Health Care and Social Assistance	79.6	80.1	73.5	-0.5	6.1
Information, Culture and Recreation	20.5	20.0	17.9	0.5	2.6
Accommodation and Food Services	39.5	39.1	37.4	0.4	2.1
Other Services	27.9	26.2	24.5	1.7	3.4
Public Administration	28.9	29.0	31.7	-0.1	-2.8
Total	575.3	589.1	577.4	-13.8	-2.1
HOURS OF WORK ('000)					
Full-Time	481.3	488.6	492.9	-7.3	-11.6
Part-Time	94.0	100.5	84.5	-6.5	9.5
CLASS OF WORKER ('000)					
Employees	473.2	486.1	462.9	-12.9	10.3
Public Sector	130.8	147.9	134.0	-17.1	-3.2
Private Sector	342.4	338.2	329.0	4.2	13.4
Self-Employed	102.0	103.0	114.5	-1.0	-12.5

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	July 2015	June 2015	July 2014	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	18,240.3	18,314.6	18,077.4	-74.3	162.9
Newfoundland & Labrador	251.9	249.1	252.2	2.8	-0.3
Prince Edward Island	76.9	79.2	78.9	-2.3	-2.0
Nova Scotia	463.7	460.9	459.0	2.8	4.7
New Brunswick	359.4	364.0	363.9	-4.6	-4.5
Quebec	4,188.2	4,185.3	4,146.5	2.9	41.7
Ontario	7,033.1	7,065.8	6,964.5	-32.7	68.6
Manitoba	636.1	646.1	630.7	-10.0	5.4
Saskatchewan	575.3	589.1	577.4	-13.8	-2.1
Alberta	2,325.8	2,338.3	2,306.3	-12.5	19.5
British Columbia	2,329.7	2,336.9	2,298.0	-7.2	31.7
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	7.1	6.5	7.3	0.6	-0.2
Newfoundland & Labrador	10.5	10.7	10.7	-0.2	-0.2
Prince Edward Island	9.6	7.1	7.8	2.5	1.8
Nova Scotia	7.8	7.0	9.3	0.8	-1.5
New Brunswick	10.8	9.5	9.7	1.3	1.1
Quebec	7.5	7.5	7.7	0.0	-0.2
Ontario	7.1	6.4	8.3	0.7	-1.2
Manitoba	6.4	4.9	5.8	1.5	0.6
Saskatchewan	5.4	4.2	3.6	1.2	1.8
Alberta	6.3	5.6	4.7	0.7	1.6
British Columbia	6.2	5.6	6.2	0.6	0.0

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TABLE 5

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	July 2015	June 2015	July 2014	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	17,954.0	17,947.4	17,792.6	6.6	161.4
Newfoundland & Labrador	236.5	237.1	237.8	-0.6	-1.3
Prince Edward Island	72.2	73.0	74.1	-0.8	-1.9
Nova Scotia	449.5	446.4	445.7	3.1	3.8
New Brunswick	347.5	348.2	351.2	-0.7	-3.7
Quebec	4,097.2	4,075.5	4,053.5	21.7	43.7
Ontario	6,945.7	6,945.7	6,878.3	0.0	67.4
Manitoba	632.3	636.1	626.3	-3.8	6.0
Saskatchewan	568.7	576.1	571.4	-7.4	-2.7
Alberta	2,298.2	2,302.5	2,277.2	-4.3	21.0
British Columbia	2,306.0	2,306.6	2,277.1	-0.6	28.9
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	6.8	6.8	7.0	0.0	-0.2
Newfoundland & Labrador	11.9	12.3	11.9	-0.4	0.0
Prince Edward Island	11.6	11.1	9.3	0.5	2.3
Nova Scotia	8.1	8.0	9.5	0.1	-1.4
New Brunswick	11.0	10.8	10.0	0.2	1.0
Quebec	7.7	8.0	8.1	-0.3	-0.4
Ontario	6.4	6.5	7.5	-0.1	-1.1
Manitoba	5.6	5.3	5.2	0.3	0.4
Saskatchewan	5.2	4.7	3.3	0.5	1.9
Alberta	6.0	5.7	4.5	0.3	1.5
British Columbia	6.0	5.8	6.1	0.2	-0.1

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TABLE 6

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	July 2015	June 2015	July 2014	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADIAN CITIES UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
St. John's	6.4	6.6	6.7	-0.2	-0.3
Halifax	6.3	6.8	6.3	-0.5	0.0
Saint John	9.0	7.6	8.6	1.4	0.4
Quebec	3.9	4.1	5.9	-0.2	-2.0
Montreal	8.9	8.8	8.4	0.1	0.5
Ottawa-Gatineau	6.7	6.6	7.0	0.1	-0.3
Toronto	7.3	7.1	9.0	0.2	-1.7
Greater Sudbury	7.7	7.5	6.9	0.2	0.8
Winnipeg	6.1	5.9	5.8	0.2	0.3
Regina	4.3	4.0	3.7	0.3	0.6
Saskatoon	5.9	5.5	3.6	0.4	2.3
Calgary	7.0	6.3	5.1	0.7	1.9
Edmonton	5.9	6.2	5.6	-0.3	0.3
Vancouver	6.0	6.1	5.8	-0.1	0.2
Victoria	5.5	5.9	5.7	-0.4	-0.2
SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMIC REGIONS EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Regina-Moose Mountain	185.7	183.4	182.9	2.3	2.8
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	54.8	55.6	53.3	-0.8	1.5
Saskatoon-Biggar	199.8	199.9	202.2	-0.1	-2.4
Yorkton-Melville	38.3	38.5	39.6	-0.2	-1.3
Prince Albert & Northern	103.7	103.1	101.1	0.6	2.6

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

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TABLE 7

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER

(3 Month Moving Average)

	July 2015	June 2015	July 2014	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
TOTAL POPULATION					
Labour Force ('000)	612.7	609.2	601.0	3.5	11.7
Employed ('000)	582.1	580.1	578.9	2.0	3.2
Unemployed ('000)	30.6	29.1	22.0	1.5	8.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.0	4.8	3.7	0.2	1.3
Participation Rate (%)	71.2	70.8	70.5	0.4	0.7
Employment Rate (%)	67.6	67.4	68.0	0.2	-0.4
NON-ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	561.2	558.1	551.6	3.1	9.6
Employed ('000)	537.1	535.2	535.2	1.9	1.9
Unemployed ('000)	24.1	22.8	16.4	1.3	7.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.3	4.1	3.0	0.2	1.3
Participation Rate (%)	71.6	71.3	71.1	0.3	0.5
Employment Rate (%)	68.5	68.3	69.0	0.2	-0.5
ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	51.5	51.1	49.4	0.4	2.1
Employed ('000)	45.0	44.8	43.7	0.2	1.3
Unemployed ('000)	6.5	6.3	5.6	0.2	0.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	12.5	12.3	11.4	0.2	1.1
Participation Rate (%)	66.6	66.2	64.9	0.4	1.7
Employment Rate (%)	58.3	58.1	57.5	0.2	0.8
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Labour Force ('000)	18.7	18.6	18.2	0.1	0.5
Employed ('000)	14.8	15.0	15.6	-0.2	-0.8
Unemployed ('000)	3.8	3.7	2.6	0.1	1.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	20.5	19.7	14.5	0.8	6.0
Participation Rate (%)	57.2	57.3	56.6	-0.1	0.6
Employment Rate (%)	45.5	46.0	48.4	-0.5	-2.9
MÉTIS					
Labour Force ('000)	32.5	32.3	30.9	0.2	1.6
Employed ('000)	29.9	29.7	28.0	0.2	1.9
Unemployed ('000)	2.6	2.6	2.9	0.0	-0.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.9	8.0	9.4	-0.1	-1.5
Participation Rate (%)	73.3	72.8	70.8	0.5	2.5
Employment Rate (%)	67.5	67.0	64.2	0.5	3.3

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpretting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

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